National SC/ST Development Finance Corporation

3518. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National SC and ST Development Finance Corporation as promised in the Parliament has been Corporation; and

(b) whether any management Board has been constituted;

(c) whether any Public representative has been taken in it;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any amount has been disbursed from the inception of the Corporation; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The second Board is under re-constitution as the tenure of the first Management Board has expired.

(e) Yes, Sir. Rs. 47.10 crores have been disbursed till 31-5-1992 since inception of NSFDC.

(f) Does not arise.

Addition of more Castes in the SC List

3519. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of castes have been declared as Scheduled Castes in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, district-wise as on 31st July, 1992;

(c) whether Government propose to add more castes in the existing list of Scheduled Castes of Uttar Pradesh during the current and next financial years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A list of communities specified as Scheduled Castes in relation to the State of Uttar Pradesh is available in the Manual of Election Laws, brought out by the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs.

(c) and (d) Representations have been received for inclusion of some communities in the list of Scheduled Castes in Uttar Pradesh in the context of comprehensive revision of the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Any amendment in the existing list of Scheduled Castes will be made only through an Act of Parliament as laid down in Article 341(2) of the Constitution.

Non-reservation in the field of Science and Technology

3520. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the judgement in Civil Misc. Writ Petition 20969 of 1992 between Naresh Chandra V|s the District Inspector of Schools Ghaziabad;

(b) if so, whether the High Court judgement has decided that no reservation in the field of Science including medicine and technology Mathematics be effected either for the admission in the educational institutions or in the services of the State;

(c) if so, whether this is contrary to Article 15 clause (iv) and 16 clause (vi) of the Constitution; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Government is examining the question of filing a Special Leave Petition before the Supreme Court to suspend this judgment.

दृष्टिहीन बालिकाओं के कल्याण के लिये विशेष कार्यक्रम

3521. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने दृष्टिहीन बालिकाओं के लिये कोई विशेष कार्यक्रम तैयार किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसकी मुख्य विशेषताएं क्या-क्या हैं, तथा पिछले एक वर्ष के दौरान इस कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत कितनी दृष्टिहीन बालिकाओं को लाभ मिला है; और

(ग) इस क्षेत्र में कितने संगठन कार्यरत हैं तथा उन्हें सहायता प्रदान करने की सरकार की क्या योजनाएं हैं ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) से (ग) विकलांग व्यक्तियों हेतु संगठनों को सहायता की योजना के अन्तर्गत मंत्रालय द्वारा 44 ऐसे गैर सरकारी संगठनों को सहायता दी गई, जो नेत्रहीन व्यक्तियों को प्रशिक्षण, शिक्षा तथा अन्य पुनर्वासात्मक सेवाएं प्रदान कर रहे हैं। 1991-92 में इन संगठनों को 152.58 लाख रुपये की निर्मुक्त की गई । 1992-93 के लिए निर्मुक्त किए जाने वाला सहायता अनुदान इनके कार्य निष्पादन पर निर्भर होगा।

Infant Milk Code

@3521-A. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an inordinate delay in enactment of Infant Milk Code;

(b) whether there ar emany glaring shortfalls in the Bill.

(c) whether Government are aware that in the absence of clear rules manufacturers in India are using two three years old expired milk powder; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that the new Infant Food Code clearly mentions that the infant foods can be made directly only from fresh milk and not from milk powders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPAREMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) KUM. MAMTA BANERJEE: (a) The Indian National Code for protection and promotion of Breast feeding has been adopted by Government in 1983. To give effect to the provisions of the code, a Bill entitled "Infant milk Foods and Feeding Bottles (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Bill 1986" was introduced and passed in the Rajya Sabha. But the Bill lapsed in November, 1989 due to dissolution of VIII Lok Sabha. A revision Bill entitled "Infant Milk Foods, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods (Regulation of Production Supply and Distribution) Bill, 1991" was introduced in the Lok Sabha after incorporating the suggestions received from various quarters.

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